



repository[1,noun] repository[2,adjective]

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Main Entry: <sup>1</sup>re-pos-i-to-ry Pronunciation Guide

Pronunciation: ra paza tore, re p-, -tor-, -ri

Function: noun

Inflected Form(s): -es

Etymology: Latin repositorium, from repositus (past participle of reponere) + -orium -ory

1: a place, room, or container where something is deposited or stored: DEPOSITORY < the child's desk ... as a repository for his music papers and other oddments -- Marcia Davenport>: as a : a building or room for the exhibition of a collection (as of works of art): MUSEUM <a single museum serves not only as local repository for cultural monuments but also as a community center -- Lincoln Kirstein> b: a burial vault c: a place where something is kept or shown for sale: a warehouse, store, or showroom <now had an office and a clerk and they had a repository ... for their finished work -- Ben Riker> d: a side altar or niche in a Roman Catholic church where the consecrated Host is deposited from Maundy Thursday until Good Friday -- called also altar of repose

2: one that contains or stores something nonmaterial: STOREHOUSE <although well written and attractively printed, is little more than a repository of linguistic superstitions -- R.A.Hall b.1911> < theoretically the mob is the repository of all political wisdom and virtue -- H.L.Mencken>

3: a place or region richly supplied with some natural resource <the repository of fabulous oil resources -- A.E.Stevenson</p> b.1900>

4: a person to whom something is confided or entrusted <he had been an entranced repository of many secrets -- John Buchan>

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